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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

Continuation of Disposition of Claims: Claims subject to restriction and/or election requirement are 1-4, 6-9, 15, 16, 26, 29, 48, 49, 54, 55 and 57-76.

DETAILED ACTION

Amendment Entry

1. Applicant's response to the Office Action mailed 7/13/07 is acknowledged (paper filed 1/14/087). In the amendment filed therein claims 1, 3, 4, 6-9, 15-16, 29, 48-49, 54-55, 57-60 have been modified. Claims 5, 10-14, 17-25, 27-28, 30-47, 50-53, and 56 were canceled. New claims 61-76 were added.
2. Currently claims 1-4, 6-9, 15-16, 26, 29, 48-49, 54-55, and 57-76 are pending and under consideration.

Election/Restrictions

3. This application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. These species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

The species are as follows:

The claims require the assessment of at least two lectins selected from various independent and distinct compositions. Applicant must elect two for consideration. The two elected lectins and the corresponding claims that they read on will be considered. The claims effected by this species election are 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 75, and 76.

Applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The reply must also identify the claims readable on the elected species, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered non-responsive unless accompanied by an election.

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Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

4. The claims are deemed to correspond to the species listed above in the following manner:

Applicant must select two lectins from the following list for further consideration:

DSL (datura stramonium), ECL (erythrina cristagalli), PSA (pisum sativum), WGA (triticum vulgare), UEA I (ulex europaeus), [[MALI]]MAL I (maackia amurensis), MAA (maackia amurensis), PNA (arachis hypogaea), AAL (aleuria aurantia), LTL (lotus tetragonolobus), MAL II (maackia amurensis), JAC (Artocarpus integrifolia), LEL (lycopersicon esculentum), SNA (sambucus nigra), PTL I (psophocarpus tetragonolobus), ACL (amaranthus caudatus), GSL II (griffonia simplicifolia), VVA (vicia villosa), BPL (bauhinia purpurea), WFL (wisteria floribunda), SJA (sophora japonica), MPL (maclura pomifera), GNL (galanthus nivalis), HHL (hippeastrum hybrid), CCA (canavalia ensiformis), NPL (narcissus pseudonarcissus), STL (solanum tuberosum), PHA-L (phaseolus vulgaris), PHA-E (phaseolus vulgaris), GSL I (griffonia simplicifolia), DBA (dolichos biflorus), HMA (homarus americanus), EEA (euonymus europaeus), LPA (limulus polyphemus), and PTL II (psophocarpus tetragonolobus).

The following claim(s) are generic: 1-3, 15-16, 26, 29, 48-49, 54-55, 57-74.

5. The species listed above do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, the species lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

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Each lectin is a separate composition derived from a variety of different plants, animals, and microbes. There are at least 26 different families recognized at this time. This is supported by the specification on page 28. Therefore applicant must select two for further consideration.

6. The Group 1641 – Central Fax number is (571) 273-8300, which is able to receive transmissions 24 hours/day, 7 days/week. In the event Applicant would like to fax an unofficial communication, the Examiner should be contacted for the appropriate Right Fax number.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Long Le, can be reached on (571) 272-0823.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group TC 1600 whose telephone number is (571) 272-1600.

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